

## **AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:**

Please amend the specification as follows:

Page 1, between the title and line 1, insert the following new subheading  
(centered):

### **BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION**

Page 2, between lines 27 and 28, insert the following new subheading  
(centered):

### **SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION**

Page 3, replace the paragraph on line 5 with the following amended paragraph:

wherein L is a  ~~$\pi$ -bonded~~  $\sigma$ -bonded ligand,

Page 3, line 13, insert the following new subheading (centered):

### **DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION**

Page 5, replace the paragraph on line 12 with the following amended paragraph:

wherein L is a  ~~$\pi$ -bonded~~  $\sigma$ -bonded ligand,

Page 5, replace the paragraph beginning on line 20 with the following amended  
paragraph:

The process of the present invention is particularly suitable for the preparation of  
silicon containing metallocene catalyst components which may contain either a single  
 ~~$\pi$ -bonded~~  $\sigma$ -bonded ligand or two  ~~$\pi$ -bonded~~  $\sigma$ -bonded ligands.

Page 5, delete the paragraph beginning on line 23 in its entirety.